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the 30 th January 1952

Dear Mr. Perdeaux ,

I received your letters of the 28th and 29th of ✓  
december 1952 concerning the Venizualian Oil Company,s plans four  
days ago. That is to say with almost a month,s delay.

We are in complete agreement with the date for the  
beginning of the actual field work.

The two drilling crew bosses are ready to leave  
for Brasil with one assistant crew man.

I shall be forced to be in Paris and would like  
to get from the company all the visas necessary for the two drilling  
bosses , their assistant and myself around the 25th of February.  
I shall be staying at the Hotel Lutetia Boulevard Raspail . We will  
then be ready to leave immediately for Brasil.

It is Mr. Bruce A Vallandingham's advice that the  
two bosses with their assistant should after a good examination of their  
health, resistance and capabilities be sent to the working fields by  
a company plane. He has two other good teams ready for work one in  
Venezuela and one in British Guiana , these would only need the  
necessary papers and would go the slower way, by earth. These men  
are all in possession of Uruguayan passports.

I shall conforming to your instructions as soon as  
I arrive with the three men in Brazil ring up the Company's man  
whose name and telephone number we have noted.

Mr Bruce A Vallandingham is still waiting for a  
reply concerning the interesting petroleum researches to be made in  
Libia. We are ready to recruit all the necessary men, one can say we  
have hundreds waiting to work there. This affair we consider is of the  
greatest importance for the company and if you find it necessary I could  
send you a more detailed report to clarify the situation , but this  
report must be sent by the surest and most discreet way possible.

Mr. Bruce A Vallandingham sends you his most cordial friendly greetings

And I myself close with my deepest regard and best wishes

signed HENRY B. MACHURST

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